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Phil-Mont 2008 Scholarships Awarded to KA3SRC and KB3QDW

Since its establishment by your board in 2001, the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Scholarship Fund has made one or more scholarship grants-in-aid to deserving young licensed amateurs in each of the past seven academic years, 2002 through 2008. Without cost to Phil-Mont, the administration of our grants, i.e., the advertising and solicitation of applications, review and verification of applicant's data, and the selection of recipients, is performed by the Scholarship Committee of the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc. (FAR), a consortium of radio clubs throughout a multi-state area. We establish the grant criteria: Applicants for Phil-Mont's scholarships must reside in either the Eastern Pennsylvania (EPA) or Southern New Jersey (SNJ) ARRL Section; hold an FCC amateur radio license; and be enrolled in--or accepted for enrollment in--a full-time course of studies leading to a degree from a college or university.

Again this year, Phil-Mont has awarded two scholarships: The 2008 Claude H. Haring, Jr., W3IIM, Memorial Scholarship; and the 2008 Clinton R. (Jim) Spencer, Jr., W3BBB, Memorial Scholarship...each with a grant of \$2,000. (*See page 5*)



Steven, KA3SRC



Diana, KB3QDW

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	Sunday Morning Net Schedules • 2 Meter/ 70cm Net..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater • 10-on-10 Net at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM) • 75 meter Net at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB • ARES at 2100L on the W3QV repeater	

Committees Archives: NG3P Audit: NS3K Awards: open Blurb folding: WB3KOJ & WB3KOH Directory: WB3KOJ	DX: N3MT Emerg. Coord: K3HWE Field Day: KE3QB Internet: K3XS Membership: N3XKE Net Control: KB3IV Publicity: W3RM	Program: Club VP Public Service: KE3QB Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK Skywarn: WX3PHI Sunshine: N3GLU	TVI: W3VVS VE Program: NS3K W3AA Trustee: WU3I Welcome: N3UBY Youth: N3MT
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All visitors are welcome!

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at **Roxborough Memorial Hospital, 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128**
Maps and directions are available at www.phil-mont.org

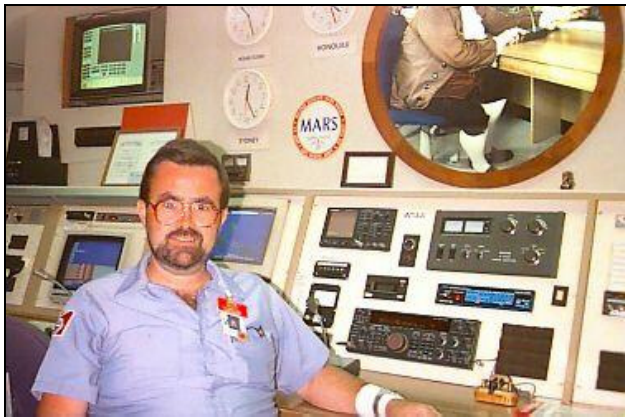
License Examinations are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**

Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or jmccloskey@msn.com for the latest information.

Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz
Reach us on EchoLink through WU3I-L
W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: W3VVS

The Officers

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The Prez Sez...

By the time you all get this the MS150 will have been over and some of us are breathing a sigh of relief. Here it is October already and for me that means the RF Hill Hamfest, the last in the local area, on the 19th. Hope to see some of you there. As you might have heard the Offsite Reciever in Southampton had to be removed as the building was sold. If anyone knows of a location we can relocate to in Bucks County please contact any member of the Board of Directors. By now all of the Kiddies are back to school and this means some are on buses some on foot and some even on the highway. Please be careful out there. The influx of NEW & INEXPERIENCED drivers during opening and closing hours can be hazardous. Hope to see you at the October general Meeting.

de Steve, WU3I

MEMBERSHIP STATS

At press time PMRC had:
 85 FULL PAID MEMBERS
 8 FAMILY MEMBERS
 1 YOUTH MEMBER
 2 HONORARY MEMBERS
 0 PENDING MEMBER



September test results: We had 7 candidates take 14 elements. We ended up with 3 new techs, 3 new Generals and one new Extra. The VEs at the session were: Jim-NS3K, Jack-WA3BXH, Joe-N3UGI, Jim-KJ3P and Ray-N3FH.

Many thanks to our intrepid VEs! Great job everyone.

***OCTOBER Birthdays***

- 1st Ed Masarsky - KB3IV
 Charlie Phelps - N3OOV
- 2nd Susan DeCicco (XYL KE3QB)
 Donna Stevenson (XYL K3HWE)
- 3rd David Colucci - KB3HOE
- 4th Joe Elmaleh - K3HIJ
- 6th Joan Freer (XYL W3YLT)
- 10th Patricia DiNardi - (XYL N3XKE)
- 11th Charlye Johnson, Jr. - K3CJ
- 31st Dick Klein - W3WXC
 *New Member 2007

From the Secretary

PMRC BoD Meeting Minutes 09/03/08

Club President Steve WU3I, opened the meeting at 2012 hours local time. Attending were Bill W3AOK, Ed KB3IV, Dick W3RM and Al W3STW.

Dick submitted a report outlining the expenditures for the last two months. The report was approved and accepted by the Board. He also read letters of appreciation from the 2008 scholarship recipients to Club.

Ed KB3IV, reports that the Club's Net Schedule needs to be revised, no specifics given at this time, and that the Southampton repeater site equipment will soon be removed from service.

Steve led a brief discussion on what shall the Club do to recognize "old timer's night" and our sixtieth year of organization, no specifics at this time. Club members, if you have any ideas regarding recognition of these two very important dates in Club history contact any board member, look in your '08 PMRC Club Directory or any '08 Blurb for contact information.

After a brief discussion on the '08 election process, Steve appointed Al, Ed and Bill as the nominating committee.

Bill is still looking for a work party to make repeater shack repairs and he is still looking for an uninterruptible power supply. Anyone can assist in this effort is encouraged to contact Bill, see the PMRC '08 Club Directory for, more information.

PMRC General Meeting Minutes 09/10/08

PMRC president Steve, WU3I, called the meeting to order at 1940 hours local time: he gave words of welcome after the July and August break in the Club's meeting schedule.

A special welcome back to Mim (Ben, W3LKI's xyl) and Patricia (Red's xyl). Steve reminds us that the time is now to form a nominating committee for the December '08 election of club officers and directors. Interested persons should contact any Club officer or director with their input.

On Carmen's, KE3QB MS150 Bike Tour '09

coordinator, Steve tells us that the MS150 volunteer packages will be given out at this meeting.

Blurb editor Rick, KB3JWK reminds us to get articles for the Blurb to him by the 20th of the month.

Dick, W3RM treasurer, reports that the Club's finances are in good shape. The club's 2008 financial commitment to the scholarship fund has made and now is the time to start a 2009 scholarship fund drive.

Club net control coordinator Ed KB3IV, asked for volunteers from the membership to be net control operators for the Sunday morning two meter, seventy centimeter and echo link nets. Note, the wu3i echo link node has been discontinued and has been replaced by the KB3IV echo link node.

Bill W3AOK, W3QV repeater chairman, reports the repeater shack is in need of some minor repair, those club members who have helped in the past are asked to again come forward. Give Bill a call, his contact number is in the '08 PMRC Club Directory. Led by Andrew kc2pmw, a round of applause was given to John Furlong (Andrew's dad) on becoming K2TUT.

Jack WA3BXH spoke about the success of the helium balloon antenna launched during Field Day 2008 to a height of 160 feet the most notable signal report was 20/9 from w1aw in Newington, Ct.

Jim NS3K, VE Examiner Chairman reports that during the last test session three examinees received their Technician Class license and two examinees received their General Class license.

Bob KB2ERL reports that the Metro Com Group from Chester, Pa will be moving their echo link and IRLP operation to a new location in South Philadelphia.

There being no more committee reports, Steve turned the gavel over to our program chairman Bill. Bill introduced speaker Jack WA3BXH who gave an excellent talk on Digital Smart Technology for Amateur Radio (D Star).

With the assistance from the Philadelphia Digital Radio Association; Ray N3FH, Jim NS3K, Chris N3JHR, Tim WA3QVU and Joe N3UGI, Jack guided us through a hands on demonstration.

Al W3STW, PMRC Secretary.

committed to assisting at our local radio club's effort, which succeeded beyond our wildest dreams.

KA3SRC For the second year in a row, the FAR selected **Steven R. Chimel, KA3SRC**, of Clarks Summit, PA, to receive the Haring Memorial Scholarship. Steven is now 21, and a senior at Pennsylvania State University, expecting to graduate next year with a degree in Information Technology. He has maintained a very strong grade point average of 3.9+ every year; holds a General Class ticket, and comes from an all ham family (his father is WA3LWR, his mother is KB3GG, and his younger brother, a high school senior, is KB3HUG).

Steven serves as VP, treasurer and secretary of the Elk Mt. Radio Society, and is a member of the Scranton Pocono Amateur Radio Club. He's active in ARES, Skywarn, and the Boy Scouts.

In response to being notified of this year's Haring grant, Steven wrote to us, with a copy to FAR, as follows:

Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club
Richard Moll, W3RM
P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

Dear Sir:

I was once again fortunate enough to receive the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club Scholarship in Memory of Claude H. Haring, W3IIM. Last year I was honored to receive this award, and such was most helpful in paying for my junior year at Pennsylvania State University. I am about to enter my senior year, majoring in Information Technology, with minors in Business Administration and Network Security. Upon graduating it is my intention to enter a Masters of Business Administration program.

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was not only extremely generous in providing this scholarship, but has also been in contact during the year, providing encouragement and ham radio fellowship. This year, they contacted me just before Field Day and even invited me down to join them in this year's participation. Unfortunately, I was already

The bigheartedness of the members of the Phil-Mont Radio Club, and especially their personal interest in young hams, like me, is extremely inspiring. Not only do these hams provide funds to assist me in obtaining my education, but they remain in contact, encouraging my academic, vocational and amateur radio endeavors. Such is an outstanding example of the true spirit of ham radio.

While my ham radio interests have had to take third place in my life, behind academics and working, I am hopeful that once my education is completed I may return to my beloved hobby. Happily, I can report that I have maintained a 3.9 GPA in the honors program, while working an average of 20 hours a week during the school year. In addition, I have had my own DJ business for several years, and am active in several organizations at college and in the community. I was also able to pass my General exam last summer, and hope to pass my Extra Class exam in the near future.

I am grateful for all the support of the hams, and especially the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club. Hopefully in the future I will not only be able to financially support hams in similar need, but Elmer them in our hobby.

Thank you,

Steven R. Chimel, KA3SRC

KB3QDW The FAR Scholarship Committee selected **Diana Mitchell, KB3QDW**, of Mechanicsburg, PA, to receive the 2008 Clinton R. (Jim) Spencer, Jr., W3BBB, Memorial Scholarship. Diana, who is 18 years old, graduated this year from Trinity High School, and has just begun her freshman year at Drexel University, in Philadelphia, with interest in health careers. Diana holds an Extra Class license, and served as secretary of the Amateur Radio Club of Trinity, (which was described by Diane Zimmerman, AA3OF, Chair of

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the FAR scholarship committee, as one of the most active school clubs in the nation.) Diana is active on 2 meters and the HF bands, favoring 20 meters. She

constructed her own 40-meter QRP rig, and assisted with antenna erection at the club's station.

In response to being notified of her Spencer Scholarship grant, Diana wrote us, with a copy to FAR, as follows:

Richard A. Moll, W3RM
Post Office Box 88
Abington, PA 19001

Dear Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club:

I am very grateful for the scholarship that you have given me. It will not only help me, but my family, with college expenses such as necessary books and study tools.

Throughout college at Drexel University in Philadelphia, I plan to study to earn a Doctorate in physical therapy. This field I feel I am being led toward. I work part-time, but aside from that I help watch over my grandmother, and volunteer at a local assisted living facility. I now know that I enjoy being in a therapeutic atmosphere with elderly patients.

Along with this, I also plan to be involved in the amateur radio club at Drexel University or the University of Pennsylvania, which touches Drexel's campus. I have already spoken to each university's leader about their amateur radio club. University of Pennsylvania's club is well established, and is even thinking about having a conjoining project with Drexel's club.

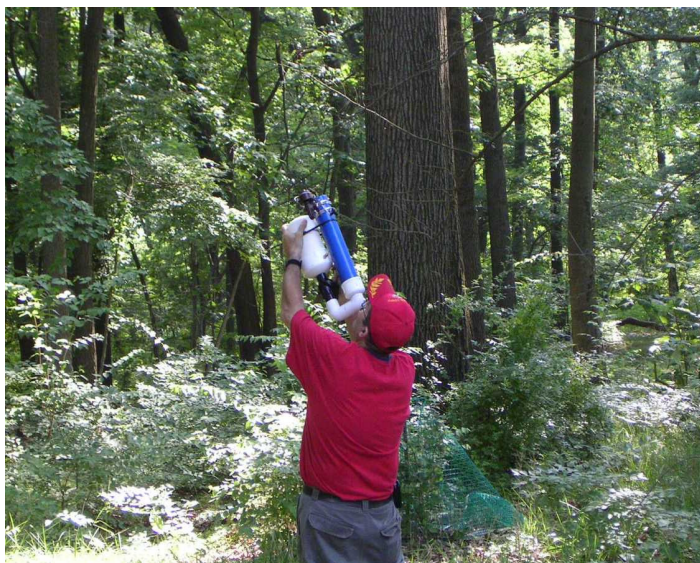
In closing, I would like to thank you again for granting me this scholarship. It is such a generous gift, and will be put to good use.

73,

Diana Mitchell, KB3QDW

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de W3RM



October at PMRC...

- 1 Wed Board of Directors Meeting
- 5- Sunday N3OWM *NCS*
- 8 General Membership Meeting
- 12- Sunday K3XS *NCS*
- 13- Monday Columbus Day
- 19- Sunday KB3IV *NCS*
- 26- Sunday WB3KOJ *NCS*
- 31- Friday Halloweeeen

And don't forget the **ARES** net every
 Sunday night at 2100L on the club repeater.
 Larry, K3HWE, wants to hear from *you!*

Well it's the 25th and my granddaughter Emily still
 hasn't arrived. She was due to make her appearance
 on the 21st but probably took a wrong turn
 somewhere. Should have used GPS! Maybe by the
 time you get this I'll be a Pop-pop again!

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